



## **The Arc SF WorkLife Awards Recognize Employees with Developmental Disabilities and Employer Champions**

*Event celebrates diversity, inclusion and the achievements of employees with disabilities and trailblazer employers*

The Arc San Francisco today announced the recipients of the agency's prestigious 2018 WorkLife Awards celebrating the work and life achievements of people with developmental disabilities and the employers who champion their success and benefit from their diverse skills and experience.

The theme is "Learn, Grow, Work, Achieve" which highlights Arc-client achievements and the range of opportunities made possible by the agency's partnerships with area businesses, from internships and training programs to competitive careers. 36 different corporations and partners are supporting the awards event.

### **WHEN**

Thursday, May 10, 2018 5:00-7:00pm WHERE: The Arc San Francisco, 1500 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

### **EMPLOYER HONOREES**

**Employer of the Year:** Radius The marketing software company Radius is recognized for its commitment to inclusion and diversity, and for leveraging its position in the corporate community to raise awareness about hiring clients with developmental disabilities. Radius has 2 full-time employee hired from The Arc on staff.

**New Employer of the Year:** Amazon A trailblazer in advancing the success of 40 Arc clients in the company's fulfillment and sortation centers, Amazon is demonstrating how the strengths of employees with disabilities can be a key asset in the workplace.

**Industry/Sector Awards:** Havas (Professional Services), Lucky Strike Bowling (Hospitality) and St. Anthony's Foundation (Volunteer Partner of the Year. This group of awardees is recognized for championing diversity in the workforce and fostering the growth and development of people with developmental disabilities.

### **EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES HONOREES**

The awards also recognize clients in these categories, based on ballot responses from co-workers:

- Employee of the Year: Gabriel Wanderly, Radius
- New Employee of the Year: George Reyes, Survata
- Core Values Award Winner: DeMian Williams, California Academy of Sciences
- Intern of the Year: Caitlyn Quibell, California Academy of Sciences
- Volunteer of the Year: Kerry Yee, Bayanihan Center

"The opportunity to work is the single most important factor in achieving personal independence for people with developmental disabilities," said Connie Tabas, Interim CEO, The Arc San Francisco. "I congratulate the businesses who are receiving The Arc's WorkLife awards for their successful record of diversity and inclusion. These outstanding businesses are helping the individuals we serve reach their full potential. They support our clients in becoming taxpayers and fully contributing adults who are vital members of their communities."

”The companies who employ people with developmental disabilities know that they are dependable, reliable, and highly motivated employees,” said Ms. Tabas. “Our clients offer their employers greater stability in high-turnover positions and lower rates of absenteeism. They also allow businesses to be more inclusive and demonstrate their commitment to diversity.”

## Event Sponsors

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## About The Arc San Francisco

The Arc San Francisco is a lifelong learning and achievement center for over 800 individuals with developmental disabilities in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. For over 60 years The Arc SF has been widely recognized for innovation in education and career programs as well as independent living services, health advocacy, and a broad range of arts and recreation opportunities. The Arc supports individuals with autism, Down syndrome, and other disabilities to meet the challenges of adulthood while achieving personal goals and lifelong success. Our affiliations with over 100 business, education, and health partners help us to provide successful internships and employment opportunities while offering a more diverse, enriching life experience.

For more information visit <http://www.thearcsf.org>

The mission of The Arc San Francisco is to transform the lives of adults with developmental disabilities by advancing lifelong learning, personal achievement and independence.

## The Arc San Francisco Employment Programs

The Arc San Francisco provides specialized employment services that support the success of individuals with developmental disabilities in today’s competitive job market. Working collaboratively with clients, The Arc’s experienced team matches qualified, motivated job candidates to part- and full-time positions in office and facility services, tech support, data entry, customer service, education, hospitality, and retail, ensuring success through ongoing job coaching and skills development.



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